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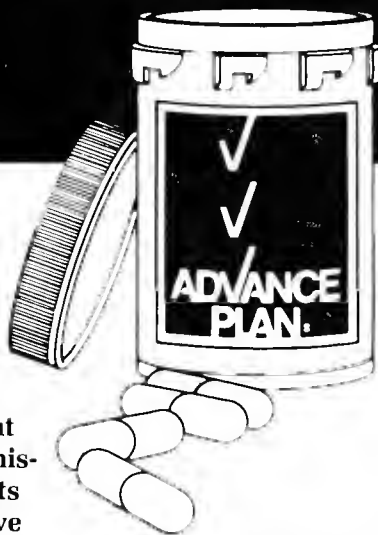
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## *From the Desk of the President*



### **DIVIDE AND CONQUER**

Divide and conquer is certainly the motto and strategy of both the insurance industry and our government. They approach each of us individually to join their plans. They prey on our fears and greed. The scenario is always the same. If you join our PPO or HMO or if you "Participate", we will pay you a "little" less than your customary fee. However, you will be compensated by an increased volume. Our subscribers will only be able to choose the doctors on our panel. Therefore, you will get the patients of the doctors who do not sign up. Of course, if you don't sign up, you will be the one who loses the patients.

In the past, we were able to say to our patients that we did not have a contract with their insurance company. Our only contract was with the patient. If their insurance was inadequate to cover the fee, we could hold the patient responsible for the balance. Or, if we felt this would reap an undue hardship, we could excuse the remainder of the bill. At least we received the self-satisfaction of being benevolent. Today we do have contracts with the insurance company and government. If the fee isn't fully covered, we must by contract forgive the balance. We even lose the good feeling that comes from being charitable.

As professionals, I would assume that most of us would prefer to increase our patient volume by doing a good job. It is much more gratifying to have a patient choose you because he has heard that you are an excellent and caring doctor rather than because you belong to his insurance plan. He may be perfectly satisfied and prefer to continue to see his present doctor who does not belong to the plan. I doubt that many of our members join these plans for this reason. Rather they join out of the fear that they will lose their patients. In fact, the insurance marketeers point out to us, that even if we do not want new patients, we should join so that our present patients can still come to us. So, in our insecurity, we participate. Only to find out later that the only reason the patients joined the plan was because they saw our names on the list of doctors.

So far, most third party payers have at least given all the doctors a choice of joining or not joining. Albeit, it's not much of a choice. Now one insurance company has formed a PPO which they intend to offer only to the active and associate members of one hospital. I have already objected to their obvious effort to divide the medical community. However, as a voice alone, I will not be able to change their

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## Editorial:

### TIME TO START

Time to yawn, get up out of the doldrums and ponder about the course of medicine. In reading past bulletins, one is painfully aware of the fact that many of the same concerns about the course of medicine still exist. Fifty years ago government intervention into the field of medicine, the actual earning power of the physician per hour of work, and the rise of paramedical personnel were high on the list. These concerns are still with us today but other concerns were just gathering steam until now do we see its affect.

### The Gathering of the Storm

Like the great billowing clouds that shine brightly in a blue sky, innocent and revelled for their beauty, the great rise of the age of consumerism became something to admire. Unscrupulous business tactics and poorly manufactured articles were now the targets of consumer groups bent on protecting all of our "rights". There were improvements in the system. Warranties were offered and adhered to, jobs became safer, losses due to negligence were reimbursed by the perpetrator, and public awareness led to careful shopping with a jaundiced eye for all products and services. The consumer groups established business bureaus, professional societies and standards, and third party evaluations and experts. But the clouds became bigger until they filled the whole sky. The white became gray, and a certain dampness had been noticed in the air. It wasn't good enough to make things "good" or "acceptable", now they wanted perfection. Every nut and bolt must work flawlessly, and every inexact science must be made exact. But who would enforce such impossibilities?

Enter stage left, the voice and money of the people, the bureaucrats. Patterned after the British system to hide blame for any decision, these curious people not only were formed by the conscience of the people, but like HAL in the movie "2001-A Space Odyssey", it created its own protective powers at the expense of the subjects to which it served. Cut expenses! Increase accountability! Weed out the "bad apples"! Honor the bureaucrat! The banners had been raised.

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## From the Desk of the President . . .

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mind. This is the type of issue over which we must have the UNITY I spoke of last month. We must preserve the right of the patients to freely choose the doctor of their choice. The IPA (PHP) which most of us have joined has been made available to all our members. They have over 400 physicians. Their contracts with employers will give the patient free access to the doctor and hospital of their choice.

It is my personal opinion that all PPOs and HMOs should be required by law to permit patients free access without financial penalty to any doctor they choose. At the next council meeting, I will seek council's approval to have our legislative committee explore this possibility with our legislators. I also feel we should start a media campaign in which we advise our patients to have their employers insist on this when purchasing insurance.

According to the law of the land, we do not have the right to collectively bargain with the insurance industry. We are each considered to be an individual business. As such we each must bargain on our own. Some physician's unions have formed, but it is still unclear just how far they can go in the area of collective bargaining. In one case, it was even ruled that the salaried physicians of a closed panel HMO could not collectively bargain. It was ruled that they were part of management and not labor. Thus a medical society would be on extremely thin ground in advising a collective action and this article is not advising a collective action. It is only informational. However, I do feel we are within our rights advising patients and employers as to what to look for when purchasing health insurance. I certainly feel that the patient should have the right to a free choice of physician.

G. Robert Barton, M.D.  
President

## Editorial:

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But enough of talk! Enough of threatening clouds! It was time to rain, and like any storm, the hard rains came first. The storm sirens had been sounded. The forecasters' predictions had all come to pass. Remember Jack McCann and Ed Pichette's predictions? They all came true.

Now we are being hit with the full brunt of the storm with only the medical societies' umbrellas to help us. It is too late to seek shelter and let the storm pass? Should we gather in more "protection" with increased armor or raincoats?

Clearly, we must make due with the situation at hand. Look for dry high spots, gather in our belongings, build an ark! NOAH! Where are you when we need you most?

Brian S. Gordon, M.D.

## PROFOUND PROPOSITIONS

A father is a banker provided by nature.

The test of a man's or woman's breeding is how they behave in a quarrel.

Misers aren't fun to live with, but they make wonderful ancestors.

A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something.

It is better to have old, secondhand diamonds than none at all.

It is well known that the older a man grows the faster he could run as a boy.

Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight.



## TO THE EDITOR:

I was delighted that the *Bulletin* of the Mahoning County Medical Society printed the revised code of Youngstown regarding "Used Hypodermic Needles — Handling and Disposal" in the January 1987 issue. However, when I read the contents, I was astounded that what was printed was the exact opposite of what was in the revised code. For some reason, the key word NOT was omitted from the text. The correct statement should be as follows:

*"Used needles and cutting instruments should be discarded into a puncture resistant container with a lid. Needles should NOT be re-sheathed, purposely bent, broken, removed from disposable syringes, or otherwise manipulated by hand".*

This revised code is in accordance with the recommendations of the Centers of Disease Control (CDC).

The improper disposal of hypodermic needles creates occupational hazards to health care workers. In a recent study by the CDC in cooperation with 283 health care institutions throughout the U.S. regarding incidental needlestick incidents of health care workers involving a needle used in patients known to have AIDS or AIDS-related illness, 30% of the incidents were from improper disposal of needles and therefore theoretically preventable. Of the 938 health care workers in this study, 152 (16%) had exposure resulting from "recapping a used needle", 119 (13%) from "injury from a needle improperly disposed of or a sharp object" and 9 (1%) from "using needle-cutting device". (McCray E, The Cooperative Needlestick Surveillance Group. Occupational Risk of the Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome among health care workers. *New Engl J Med* 1986; 314: 1127-1132).

Proper handling and disposal of hypodermic needles is therefore extremely important in preventing unnecessary injuries in health care workers. Although in the aforementioned study, only one of the 938 health care workers had a positive HTLV-III (HIV) antibody test, most likely as a result of the needlestick incidence and none contracted AIDS, the risk of acquiring hepatitis B from needlestick injury involving a patient with positive hepatitis B surface antigen injury is much higher.

"An ounce of prevention is worth much more than a pound of cure". Furthermore, there is no cure for the many viral infections that may be transmitted by needlesticks. It behooves all health care professionals to handle and dispose hypodermic needles appropriately.

*Sincerely,*

Chatrchai Watanakunakorn, M.D.

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Feb. 13, OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY "Hormone Replacement Therapy in the Post-Menopausal Woman." Wulf Utian, M.D., assoc. professor of Reproductive Biology, Case Western Reserve Univ. School of Medicine.

Feb. 20 PSYCHIATRY "Differential Diagnosis and Management of Violent Behavior in the Emergency Psychiatric Setting." Andrew E. Slaby, M.D., Ph.D., professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Brown University.

Feb. 27 PULMONARY "TB Update." Joseph Golish, M.D., Department of Pulmonary Medicine, Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

March 6, RHEUMATOLOGY "Clinical Impressions of Oral Chrysoltherapy". Raymond Scheets, M.D., Department of Rheumatic and Immunologic Diseases, Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

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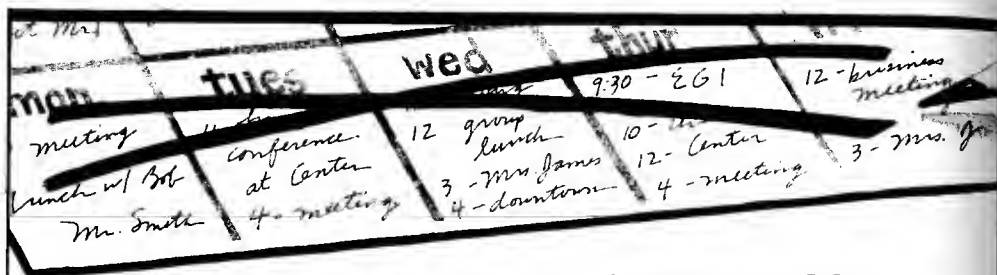
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

STATE OF OHIO, ex rel.	)	
WILLIAM J. BROWN	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	CASE NO.
	)	C 76-168 Y
vs.	)	
	)	
MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY, et. al.,	)	
Defendants.	)	

## FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO THE MEDICAL DEFENDANTS

WHEREAS, Plaintiff, State of Ohio, filed an Amended Complaint alleging that three hospitals and six medical Defendants participated in a combination and conspiracy in unreasonable restraint of trade, in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act by, among other things, coercing, harassing, pressuring and intimidating physicians, hospitals, and other health care providers into refusing to deal with Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOS); and

WHEREAS, the six medical Defendants have denied and continue to deny their participation in the conduct alleged by Plaintiff, or in any other conduct in violation of any laws, state or federal; and

WHEREAS, the six medical Defendants have no desire or intent to engage in the conduct which would be proscribed by the injunction requested by Plaintiff in its Amended Complaint, and are willing to consent to the terms of such an injunction, as hereinafter set forth, in order to avoid the necessity of further litigation; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of Plaintiff as to the medical Defendants will be served by such an injunction incorporated in a Final Judgment entered by consent of the parties; and

WHEREAS, a separate Final Judgment has been agreed to by Plaintiff and the three hospital Defendants.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties mutually consent to entry of this Final Judgment, which Judgment is not intended as and shall not constitute evidence of an admission by any party with respect to any issue of law or fact, and without trial or adjudication of any such issue.

It is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

### I. Definitions

A. "*Hospital Defendants*" means (1) St. Elizabeth Hospital; (2) Youngstown Hospital Association; and (3) Youngstown Osteopathic Hospital, all of Youngstown, O.

B. "*Medical defendants*" means (1) the Mahoning County Medical Society; (2) the Eastern Ohio Council of Medical Staffs of Private Hospitals, Inc.; (3) Dr. J. James Anderson; (4) Dr. Simon W. Chiasson; (5) Dr. Edward C. Pichette; and (6) Dr. Joseph W. Tandatnick, all of Youngstown, O.

C. "*Person*" means a human being, corporation, partnership, association and any other entity.

D. "*Health Maintenance Organization*" ("HMO") means an organization that provides comprehensive health care services on a prepaid basis, such as organizations licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1742, "Health Maintenance Organizations".

E. "*Prepaid Plan*" means an (1) HMO; or (2) any facility, organization, group or entity which in whole or in part provides for health care

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services by arrangements with some but not all available doctors, hospitals or other providers in its service area in return for a fixed periodic payment from or on behalf of consumers.

### II. Applicability

The provisions of this Final Judgment shall apply to each of the medical defendants, their successors and assigns; to all persons in active concert or participation with any of the defendants who receive notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise; and to each person acting on behalf of any medical defendant.

### III. Societies

Defendants Mahoning County Medical Society and Eastern Ohio Council of Medical Staffs are permanently enjoined from adopting, promulgating or enforcing any official opinion, resolution, policy statement, or guideline stating or implying that it is unethical, unprofessional or contrary to any policy of either defendant for a hospital or physician to associate in any way with a prepaid plan, or that it is contrary to the public interest for a hospital or physician to associate in any way with a facility, organization, group or entity because it is a prepaid plan.

### IV. General Noninterference

Each defendant is permanently enjoined and restrained from adopting, participating in or adhering to any agreement, understanding or concert of action with one or more other persons:

- (a) preventing or interfering with any contract or other relationship between any facility, organization, group or entity and its actual or potential customers because it is a prepaid plan;
- (b) refusing, threatening to refuse, or inducing refusals to provide physician, hospital or other goods and services to any facility, organization, group or entity because it is a prepaid plan;
- (c) preventing or interfering with any contract or other relationship between a physician and any person in whole or in part because the physician is associated with a prepaid plan. "Other relationship" includes without limitation patient referrals and consultations, board and advisory committee memberships, hospital privileges and scheduling priorities, and medical society and specialty board memberships;
- (d) preparing, maintaining or communicating a list or catalog of physicians who are associated with a prepaid plan, unless there is some valid administrative or medical reason for doing so, or unless the prepaid plan provides written consent.

This paragraph shall not be construed to enjoin or restrain the same or parallel action taken by two or more persons acting independently.

### V. Prior Inconsistent Statements

Any prior memoranda, resolutions or position statements of any of the defendants that are inconsistent with the terms of this Judgment are declared null and void, and without further force or effect.

### VI. First Amendment Rights

This Final Judgment is not intended and shall not be construed either to expand or to limit the rights of the defendants under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, including the rights to freedom of speech, press, assembly, association, and the right to petition the government. Defend-

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ants may freely express publicly or privately their own views, arguments, and opinions about HMOs or prepaid plans in general, about any specific HMO or prepaid plan, or about the ability of HMOs or prepaid plans to deliver adequate medical care to the public, so long as such expression does not violate the provisions of paragraphs III - VI hereof and is otherwise lawful.

### VII. Dissemination

A. Defendant Mahoning County Medical Society ("MCMS") is ordered and directed to mail a copy of this Final Judgment to each of its members within 60 days of the date of entry of this Final Judgment and also to provide a copy to each physician becoming a member of the Society within five years of the date of entry. A summary, agreed to by the attorneys for Plaintiff State of Ohio and the attorneys for Defendant MCMS, of this Final Judgment shall be published conspicuously in the MCMS Bulletin within 60 days of the entry of this Final Judgment and annually thereafter for five years.

B. Defendant Mahoning County Medical Society agrees to inform its members in writing within 60 days of the entry of this Final Judgment that the Society does not oppose competition between prepaid plans and the fee-for-service method of health care delivery, and that the members of the Society are free to support, assist, or contract with such plans as they individually see fit, without fear or sanctions, formal or otherwise, from the Society, but that nothing in this Final Judgment requires them to do so. The Society further agrees to abide by such policy.

### VIII. Continuing Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction is retained for the purpose of enabling any party to this Final Judgment to apply to the Court at any time for such further orders and directions as necessary or appropriate for the construction or carrying out of this Final Judgment, for the modification or termination of any provision in it, and for the enforcement of compliance with it.

Date: January 22, 1982

*Hon. Thomas D. Lambros*  
U. S. District Judge

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# ITEMS

## *From the Exec's Desk*

ROBERT B. BLAKE, Executive Director

The idea of pre-paid meals is apparently having some of the effect that was hoped for. The January meeting of the Society had a better turn-out of physicians than some of our previous meetings. One thing is certain, though. Reservations are going to have to be made by the deadline date and NOT on the day of the meeting. It is easier on the caterer and easier on the staff to have them in on time. ALSO, if a reservation is made, it should be kept because the Society has to pay for them and the cancellation deadline is the same as the reservation deadline.

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Ohio Underwriters report that Employers of Wausau paid out \$72 million for the years of 1984 and 1985 on medical malpractice insurance the company quit writing in 1974 and received no premiums on since that date. Shelby Mutual stopped writing that line in 1974 and has paid out \$40 million from 1975 through 1985 without receiving any premiums. Also, the Ohio Joint Underwriting Assoc. for medical malpractice stopped writing business in 1980 and has paid out \$5,896,417 from 1981 through 1985.

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A hole-in-one may be the biggest thrill a golfer ever has, but in Japan it may also turn out to be the most expensive. An individual who gets a hole-in-one in Japan is expected to throw a big party and send gifts to friends and co-workers. The expense of the celebration has become so great that the Japanese en masse are purchasing hole-in-one insurance.

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Legitimate question: Why can't medical science develop a vaccine for tax bite?

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Quote of the Month: "... If reducing the income of those who treat patients, viz., hospitals and doctors, does not reduce health care costs, perhaps the time has come to examine the incomes of those who control the "health care industry" but do NOT treat patients. The answer may be found in examination of the administrative costs of the "alternative health care systems", the giant for-profit health conglomerates, and the virtual army of federal, state and local workers who propose cost containment measures and enforce them. Indeed, it may be found that one way to achieve cost containment is to reduce significantly the cost of the cost containers!"

Lionel F. Swan  
Detroit Medical News

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The government collected more than \$135 million in loans last year from individuals who borrowed from Uncle Sam and apparently had no intention of repaying the debts. The federal strategy was simple: withhold tax refunds which were due the 248,000 delinquents. When word of the program got around, about 50,000 debtors voluntarily repaid \$30 million!

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*A GAVEL was presented to Dr. G. Robert Barton (r.) to symbolize the change of command, by Dr. Richard A. Memo, out-going president of the Society (l.) at the Jan. 20 Installation Meeting.*

## BARTON INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT

A performance by the Ballet Western Reserve dance group and jazz ensemble highlighted the annual Installation Dinner Meeting of the Society at the MetroPlex on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Following a moment of silence for those physicians who passed away during the past year, outgoing president Dr. Richard Memo requested the past-presidents to stand by and be acknowledged. Eleven past-presidents were present for the dinner.

Dr. Emil Dickstein, editor of the 1986 *Bulletin*, was presented a bound copy of the year's bulletins. Thanks to all the out-going officers and council members was expressed by Dr. Memo.

The officers and council members for 1987 were given the oath of office by Dr. Memo and he then presented D. G. Robert Barton with a gavel to denote the changing of officers.

Dr. Barton then presented a past-president's plaque and lapel pin to Dr. Memo and commented on the positive impact of Dr. Memo's presidency. Dr. Barton then presented a bound volume of the 1986 *Bulletin* to Mrs. Memo so she would know where all of Dr. Memo's time was spent during the year.

Dr. Memo commented briefly on his year in office, then made a presentation to the executive director and to his office secretary.

The performance of "Excerpts from Coppelia" by Ballet Western Reserve closed out the evening.



*The performance of the Ballet Western Reserve at the Jan. 20 Society installation meeting held the rapt attention of (l. to r.) Mrs. Barton, the new president's wife; Katie, his daughter; and Robert Barton, the president's father.*

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## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

**Jan. 13, 1987**

The monthly meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held Tuesday, January 13, 1987 at the Youngstown Club.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Dr. Barton. The minutes of the December meeting, having been read, were approved.

The treasurer's report noted the Society finished 1986 with 383 practicing members and of that number 297 were Active members and 86 were Associate members. It was reported that five members were dropped from membership for non-payment of 1986 dues. A recapitulation of the dues income and non-dues income for 1986 was presented with a note that total income did not match the budget amount for 1986. A bills list was presented and a motion was made, seconded and passed to pay each and every bill.

The following applications for membership were presented:

ACTIVE: Paul M. Rosman, D.O.; Francis M. Turocy, M.D.;  
Baljeet Singh, M.D.

ASSOCIATE: Robert D. Gillette, M.D.; Edgar E. Kornhauser, D.O.;  
Lynn M. Mikolich, M.D.; John C. Miller, M.D.

The applications were approved and the applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society in the voted category 15 days after the names are printed in the minutes of the January meeting that are mailed to all members, unless an objection is received in writing by the executive director before that effective date.

At the request of Council, Dr. William Foster, president of the Medical-Dental Bureau appeared at the Council meeting, accompanied by Judy Bloomberg, manager of the bureau. The members of Council spoke primarily of three areas of concern: delays in receiving pages, quick pages not allowing sufficient time, and knowing that a page has gone through. Dr. Foster assured the members contact would be made with the paging firm in an effort to ameliorate the complaints. He also assured the members that the Medical-Dental Bureau would act as the physicians' agent in contact with Wilcom.

### COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDED:

Thank you letters from Dr. William Sovik, Dr. Milton Yarmy and Dr. Arthur Rappoport for recent recognition by the Society;

Offer from the U.S. Army to provide a speaker for the Society. The offer was graciously refused;

A notice from AARP about the toll-free telephone service being provided to answer questions about Medicare and an inquiry regarding services provided by the Society. It was noted the Society staff supplies information regarding physicians taking new patients, availability of old medical records, which physicians practice which specialties, and which physicians take Medicare and/or Medicaid patients.

Offer from an ambulatory care service to provide a speaker for the Society. The offer was graciously declined.

Dr. Memo reported the Mini-Internship program is on track and will take place Jan. 25-27, with five "interns" and five physician faculty members. The program places private citizens with physicians for two full days to expose the citizens to the actuality of medical practice.

OSMA Sixth District Councilor Dr. Anderson announced a presidents/vice presidents meeting for the Sixth District to be held January 28 at Skyland Pines in Canton, and the mid-winter Sixth District Caucus meeting to be held Feb. 4 at the Avalon Inn in Warren. Both meetings are slated for 6:30 p.m. and the Feb. 4 meeting will include the nomination of Councilor for a two year term. Dr. Anderson is still eligible for the post. He stressed the need for all delegates and alternate delegates to attend the February 4 meeting because resolutions to be presented to the House of Delegates should be considered at that meeting.

There was a discussion of the possibility of Society participation or involvement in the annual Health-O-Rama. It was revealed, from communications with the chairman of the event, that the Health-O-Rama board has the mistaken idea that the Medical Society is a political action committee of some sort. The purpose of the Society, as stated in its incorporation is "to keep the members advised of advances in medicine, medical practices and methods, to promote the science and art of medicine, and to assure the betterment of the public health." This purpose was relayed to the Health-O-Rama board. A committee was appointed to visit the next Health-O-Rama, evaluate it and report to the Council.

A report on ways to resolve interest conflicts, as printed in the American Medical News of December 19, 1986, was presented to Council and discussed.

A special Founders Day at NEOUCOM was noted with a proposal to have three speakers at the college and then having one of the speakers address the medical society. No definite plans were revealed and the names of the speakers or their topics were not available, so Council delayed any action until more information becomes available.

The possibility of suspending the \$5 welfare fund assessment in 1988 was discussed but was tabled until more information concerning the purposes and functions of the fund can be presented to Council.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the implementation of DRGs in the specialties of pathology, anesthesiology and radiology and it was noted the AMA has taken a stand against the implementation of the plan.

It was announced that installation of officers and council members will be held at the Annual Installation Dinner at the MetroPlex on Belmont Ave. on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. It is the first pre-paid meal for members.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Robert B. Blake  
Executive Director

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## IT IS SAID

"Keep your words soft and sweet just in case you have to eat them."

"It is better to be rich and healthy than poor and sick."

"When I am right, no one remembers. When I am wrong, no one forgets."

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"The bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of low price is forgotten."

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"They say" is often proved a great liar.

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A crooked stick will have a crooked shadow.

The wife of a careless man is almost a widow.

There is no such thing as a necessary man.

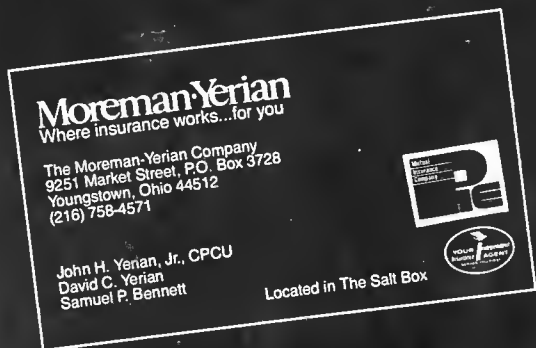
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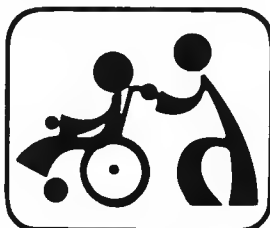
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## FIFTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1937

The banquet that year was attended by one hundred sixty-three members and guests. They enjoyed a turkey dinner at the Youngstown Club followed by a floor show. Dr. Ellis Manning of the General Electric Company was the speaker. His title was "House of Magic". After the dinner, there were numerous games of skill and chance.

Graduate nurses and staff doctors of St. Elizabeth's Hospital put on a musical show at South High School Auditorium before a large and enthusiastic audience. L. G. Coe, L. Shensa, S. Goldberg, H. Marsico and S. Ondash participated. Ficcocelli's orchestra provided the music.

Dr. Gustafson spoke on "Venereal Disease" at the Boardman School, the Garfield School and the Board of Education. It was a big innovation. That was the first year that the word "Syphilis" was spoken in public.

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## FORTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1947

George Bailey, the memory man was the entertainer at the Banquet that year. He is always a sure-fire hit with his offer to pay five dollars to any man whose name he fails to remember. After the dinner, he went to each table and named every person except Fagnano, whom he missed (he always misses one; I think it is part of the act). Fagnano was a resident in Surgery then, and the five dollars was welcome.

Sam Zlotnick became a member. Elmer Wenaas led the doctors' bowling league. John LaManna returned to practice after three years in the Army. He served in the 135th Evacuation Hospital in Germany.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1957

Fees for house calls and office visits were raised. The *Bulletin* did not state the exact amount, but the announcement sounded very apologetic.

President Ondash announced that there would be only two or three scientific meetings during the year interspersed with panel programs.

There was a rich harvest of new members that month: Leonard Caccamo, Alexander Calder, Donald Dockry, Richard Murray, Bob McConnell, A. DiDomenico, D. B. Brown, Jack Schreiber, Louis H. Scharf, Henry Holden and Elsa Shapira.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1967

President Reese inveighed against the current tendency to produce hybrid doctors and nurses under the name of "Physician's Assistants" and "Nurse's Associates".

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New Members were: William Roy Johnson, C. Conner White, Jr., Loren J. Zehr, Rashid A. Abdu and William A. Moskalik. Fred Dunlea was elected President of the Academy of General Practice.

## TEN YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1977

The new law requiring 150 hours of documented Post-graduate training went into effect. It was decreed that 150 hours of Post-graduate study every three years was required to maintain a license to practice Medicine in Ohio.

The Board of Health was looking for a physician for the Health Clinics at the Mill Creek Community Center and the McGuffy Center. Also the Alcoholic Clinic was looking for a physician to replace Dr. James Miller who planned to retire.

Dr. Wm. Sovik was honored as outgoing President at the Installation Banquet, passing the gavel to Dr. Jim Anderson. It should be noted that there were 'more than 100 doctors and wives in attendance'. The Banquet was held at the Youngstown Club.

New members were popping up like daffodils in the Spring. Here is the list: ACTIVE—Richard D. Arnott, D.O., S. K. Gandhi, M.D., Paul W. Ho, M.D., Jounsen Hong, M.D., Jeet Mehta, M.D., A. Z. Rabinowitz, M.D., Paul I. Silverstein, D.O., Richard J. Solyn, D.O., Warner F. Stanford, D.O., Panos P. Zafirides, M.D.

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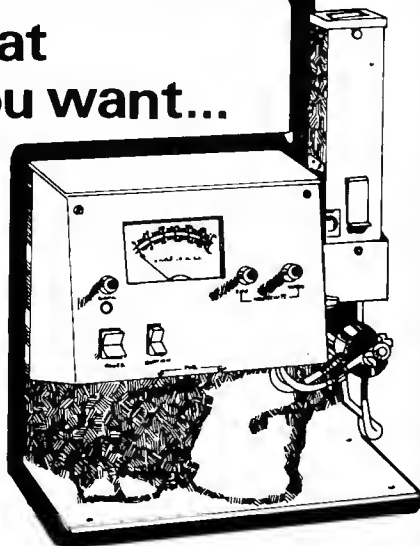
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River, G. L.  
Rogers, J. A.  
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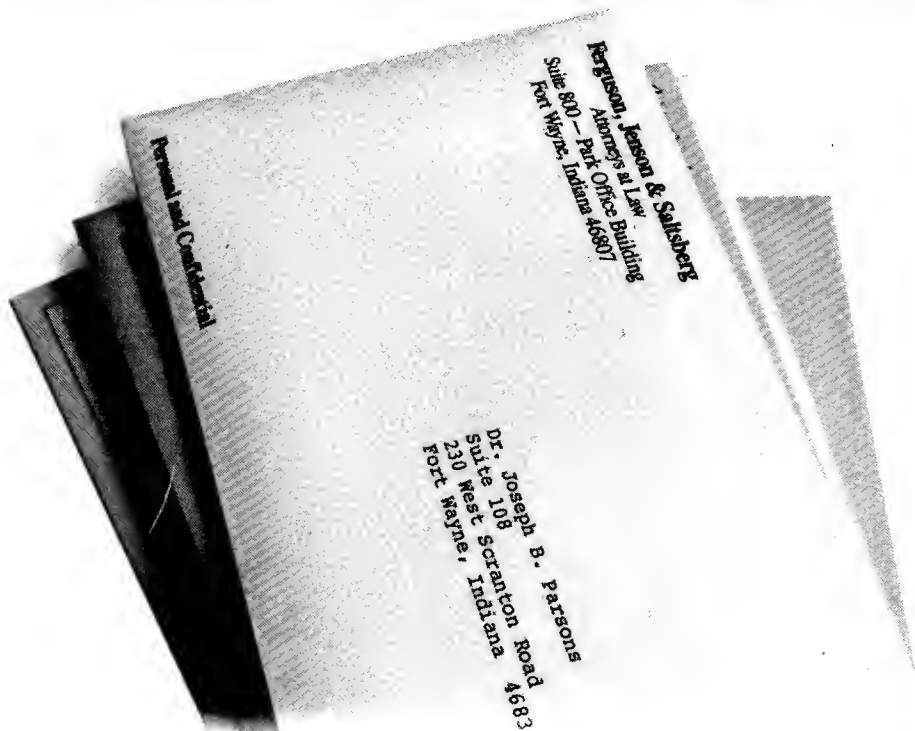
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